

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

Agenda Item Memo

DATE: June 17, 2014

SUBJECT: Significant Amendments to Accomplishment Plan Budgets in the Last Six Months of Appropriation Availability

PRESENTER: Bill Becker, Executive Director LSOHC

Background:

As the end of availability of appropriations comes near, we see requests to shift line item allocations in the approved budget. Many of these changes are needed to complete the work. The issue is whether the staff should approve the requests that appear to be shifts to buy goods and services that can be used in the future for work outside the purposes in the accomplishment plan.

During the early to mid-years of an appropriation, most amendments are approved unless the expenditure is clearly not allowed under the appropriation. Other tests applied by staff include the amendment's contribution to additional habitat outcomes and limiting OHF funds going to personnel, administrative expenses and other intermediate costs of production of habitat. Intermediate charges are requested and approved infrequently and staff looks to resulting increases in output for justification.

Suggested Motion:

No motion is suggested. This is for discussion and Council advice to staff.

Suggested Procedure:

Receive background and question. Discuss the council's wishes and impact for the Outdoor Heritage Fund. Express the Council's consensus as perceived by the chair.